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Commander's Column

Christmas greetings

Christmas - a very special time of year when family and friends gather in celebration, joy and giving. During this special season we all need to take a few moments from our hectic schedules to remember the many blessings we have received in our lives throughout the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere belief that this is truly the greatest unit in the Air National Guard and the Air Force. Once the Christmas hustle and bustle settles down, we have a great deal of work ahead of us in 1988. Let's use this month before 1988 to enjoy the calm before the storm!

We also need to remember that over indulgence could ruin this holiday season for

ourselves and our loved ones. Remember - do not drink and drive.

My family and I extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones this holiday season.

May the spirit of Christmas fill your home with cheer - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

John L. Smith



Wing Commander

Hotline

1988 AFT schedule

Question: I was wondering if the commander considered people in school next year, when they're having the Annual Field Training in Savannah, it's going to be in September and it's going to affect a lot of people who are going to be in school.

Reply: There are many aspects of consideration that are reviewed when dates for annual training are selected. Every effort is made to select dates that have minimal effect upon unit personnel. The dates for Annual Field Training in 1988 were more difficult than usual because of the requirement for the Operational Readiness Inspection by 12th Air Force during this AFT period.

We not only have to coordinate availability of the site, but also availability of the inspection team and the airspace required for the flying portion of the evaluation. Considering all things and the need to operate in full chemical gear, September was the most suitable period.

We will make every effort to keep the exercise period as short as possible in order to minimize the effect upon personnel attending school.

If you have any questions or comments about the Kentucky Air National Guard, call 637 and leave your message!

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Deadline for publication of articles in **The Phantom's Eye** is Friday following drill for the next UTA.

Letter

Hospital says thanks for support

On behalf of the entire hospital staff, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to all who have assisted us in preparing for our Health Services Readiness Inspection today and tomorrow.

We greatly appreciate all of the help we have received, both professionally and personally. The final outcome is not yet known, but whatever the results reveal we know that the unit has supported and assisted us tremendously. Thanks once again.

123d Tac Hospital Staff

Credit Union proudly opens new doors

100 people gather for celebration

By SSgt. Jeff Sansbury
Staff Writer

Even before the grand opening was to begin, staff members of the new Kentucky Air National Guard Federal Credit Union were swamped with visitors and celebration guests during the November UTA.

By 9:30 a.m., Saturday, more than 100 guard members were on hand to witness the official opening of the newly constructed office, which once served as home to the KyANG NCO/Officers Club. The 32-year-old credit union, which formerly operated from the O&T Building, now enjoys an expanded, completely refurbished site that closely resembles a banking center.

"This shows what we can do when we work together. We all played a part of this success," said Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander, during ribbon cutting ceremonies at the Credit Union. "Our engineering teams have done a super job in seeing this project through, but it's you, the credit union members, who really make the difference."

The cold, brisk air was ignored as sightseers enjoyed drinks and snacks. Inside, as KyANG FCU members lined up to make deposits and account transactions, the credit union staff was busy signing up new members and spreading the word about their new weekend hours.



MSgt. Richard Sheffler, Credit Union president, presents a plaque to Maj. Thomas J. Marks Jr., 123d CES commander, in appreciation of the squadron's construction work on the building.

KyANG FCU president MSgt. Richard Sheffler, presented the 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron a plaque for its dedication in constructing the new facility, which took about five months to complete. Maj. Tom Marks, the 123rd CES commander, accepted the plaque on the unit's behalf.

When asked what she liked best about the new office, General Manager Martha Weisenberger said, "The added space, the beautiful cosmetics... it's all just terrific. The old office was nice, but it's not the same as when you have your own space."

Weisenberger was referring to the office it formally shared with the Kentucky Air Guard's state headquarters staff. Now with its own office, the Credit Union will operate Saturday business hours from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during UTA weekends.

The current full-time staff might also increase, Weisenberger said, if membership continues its present trend. More than 800 KyANG members are currently enrolled, compared to about 275 in 1984.

The remaining portion of the old base club is being considered for a new AAFES retail store. Details are sketchy at this time, base officials say, but a final decision is expected in the next few months.



Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander, and Martha Weisenberger, Credit Union general manager, cut the ribbon during opening ceremonies.



KyANG Photos by SSgt. Charles Simpson

June Briney assists MSgt. Peggy Kottak with a transaction. Teller windows were installed to give the office a more professional appearance.

From drop-out to teacher

By SSgt. Jeff Sansbury
Staff Writer

Maj. Robert L. Jordan, 123rd Resource Management Squadron, remembers clearly what he promised his mother nearly 27 years ago. When he dropped out of high school at 17 to enlist in the U.S. Air Force he vowed to someday earn a diploma.

And he did. Three of them. "School was OK," he recalls, "but in 1960, a career in the military seemed a little more promising."

After earning his GED, and later a Bachelor's in Liberal Studies and a Master's of Science in Community Development, Major Jordan has again returned to the classroom - this time to teach at his alma mater, the University of Louisville.

When classes resume next month at U of L's Fort Knox education center, Major Jordan will teach a special topic course entitled, "Blacks in the U.S. Military," a 300-level history program he developed for the university's Pan African Studies department. His class, comprised largely of Army personnel stationed at Fort Knox, will examine the social and political aspects which have had an impact on the black military population.

"Everything looks ready to go. I don't feel

a bit nervous," the major says of this part-time lecturing. "To me, this is not a typical history course."

The segregation of blacks in the military spanned more than 300 years in America. Not until post-World War II did the armed forces abandon its policies of racial separation and discrimination.

Major Jordan pin-points the first documented case of racial exclusion, when in 1639 colonial Massachusetts barred blacks from joining its state militia. For the few states that did allow blacks to enlist, only unsought jobs were offered, if any. A common role of the black soldier was that of a laborer, a drummer or a piper in the marching band, as depicted in the famous Revolutionary War-era painting "Spirit of '76."

"American history is often mistated or contradicted," Major Jordan believes. "When I teach this course, one of the objectives will be to research and draw a clearer understanding about our nation's history, in addition to the factors which helped shape its direction."

"The course will allow an open forum for discussion," he adds, "and I like that."

When he takes the podium Jan. 12, Major Jordan will quote some actual accounts of black military history. Conversations



Maj. Robert Jordan

shared by his grandfather, who served as an Army quartermaster during World War I, will allow him to recount personal testimony of the black man's role during national emergencies.

Because the promise he made in 1960 has long been fulfilled, Major Jordan now says he enjoys school more than ever. In fact, he's considering returning once more as a student, this time to pursue a Doctorate Degree.

123d CAM members return from school

Five members of the 123d CAM Squadron recently completed Aircraft Battle Damage Repair School - in conjunction with the Air National Guard's ABDR program to increase unit capability to perform rapid repair of battle damaged aircraft.

SSgt. Leonard Keidel and TSgt. David Fink, sheetmetal shop; SSgt. Steven Holaday and SSgt. Stephen Hatfield, electric shop; and SSgt. Gregory Nowling, repair and reclamation shop, attended a 1½-week repair course and a five-day damage assessment course at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

SSgt. David Benson, R and R shop, will attend the same courses early in 1988.

One person from each of these three shops works together on an ABDR assessment team - giving the KyANG two assessment teams. Two ABDR technician teams are also being formed with one person from each of these shops and the hydraulic shop. Once all the assessment team training is accomplished, the repair technicians will attend the 1½-week course.

The repair technicians are: SSgt. Frank Bock and Sgt. Ronald Lucan, R and R shop; A1C Brian Pierce and SSgt. Steven Densford, sheetmetal shop; and SrA Robert Mudd and A1C Mark Brown, electric shop.

This program was established by the Air

National Guard "to enhance unit capability to accomplish rapid repair of battle damaged aircraft as a means to increase wartime aircraft availability and sortie rates," according to the ANG Operational Concept for ABDR.

MSgt. Richard Sheffler, NCOIC structural repair shop, is coordinating the KyANG ABDR effort and is also building the ABDR Kit - furnishing it with the necessary tools and

supplies. "The Air National Guard has allotted \$45,000 to build the kits," said Sergeant Sheffler. "The money is in a special account, available for a 3-year period only." He says they are about half way through building the ABDR Kit.

Eventually every F-4 unit will have their own practice battle damage aircraft to practice on according to the ABDR school instructors, said Sergeant Sheffler.

An interesting note - one of the aircraft at the ABDR school was an RF101 flown by the KyANG, according to Sergeant Sheffler. The aircraft tail number is 210.

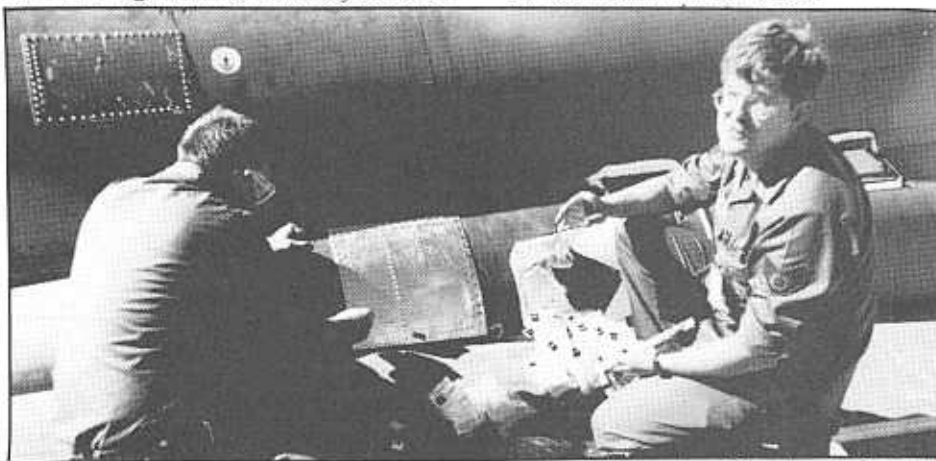


Photo courtesy SSgt. Leonard C. Keidel

SSgt. Steven C. Holaday, left, 123d CAM electric shop, and TSgt. Tom Griswold, Indiana ANG, install rivets for a surface patch during the ABDR school.

Air Force authorizes BDU wear

The wear of Battle Dress Uniforms, BDUs, as an optional uniform item has been approved by the Air Force Chief of Staff.

Air Force members required to wear BDUs for maximum cover and concealment will be issued the uniforms. However, due to funding problems, all other members may wear the BDUs only if purchased and maintained as an optional uniform item.

BDUs may be worn on a daily basis - in all base offices and establishments. They may also be worn off-base for short convenience stops or for eating at fast food restaurants. They cannot be worn off-base for extended shopping, dining, socializing or to a place whose primary function is to sell and serve alcohol.

Wear of the uniform includes:

- **Shirt** — Must be worn outside trousers. Sleeves may be rolled up with sleeves

touching or within one inch of forearm when arm is bent at a 90 degree angle.

- **Trousers** — Must be bloused over combat boots.

- **Undergarments** — Same as for work fatigues. If visible, the undershirt must be green or brown.

- **Headgear** — Camouflage pattern BDU cap may be worn in all instances. A camouflage pattern organizational baseball cap is authorized and may have subdued unit designation and organizational emblems as prescribed by installation commander.

Wear of grade insignia, US Air Force and name tapes, patches and badges will be worn as on the work fatigue uniform.

A new AF Regulation 35-10, dated June 30, 1987, was recently distributed. The local point of contact for 35-10 guidance is TSgt. Sharon Bizzor, CBPO, at ext 486 (ext 485 on UTAs).

History

Supersonic Voodoo years

By Capt Gary Chambers,
Charlie Arrington
and Robert Conely

After flying the Martin RB-57 Canberra for seven years and dedicated to the reconnaissance mission, the Kentucky Air National Guard entered the supersonic age with the arrival of the McDonnell F-101 "Voodoo" in 1965.

Kentucky Voodoos were transferred from the 81st TFW located at Bentwaters, England and were configured as long-range strike fighters at the time of their arrival in Louisville.

Extensive modification over a period of several years was required to convert the big jets from fighter to reconnaissance aircraft. Once configured for the recce mission, KyANG Voodoos were designated RF-101G and RF-101H, depending on whether they were converted from the F-101A or F-101C fighter.

The Kentucky Air Guard flew the modified Voodoos until 1972, when they were replaced by factory built RF-101Cs. Kentucky air and ground crews gained an incredible amount of experience worldwide in operating the modified Voodoos. Most of this was the result of the 123rd TRW being called for active duty in 1968 during the Pueblo Crisis, a reaction to the North Korean capture of the intelligence ship U.S.S. Pueblo.

During active service, the 165th TRS moved to Richards-Gebaur AFB near Kansas City, Mo., and operated detachments in Alaska and Panama. In 1969 the entire squadron deployed to Japan for operations in that country and Korea. During the Voodoo years

the 165th TRS kept on strength a couple of two-seat F-101Fs for training and proficiency flying.

On arrival to Louisville in 1965 and before conversion to the recce mission, Kentucky Air Guard Voodoos displayed a natural metal finish, although silver paint was applied to some areas of the aircraft. Standard Air Force markings and insignia of the era were carried. In addition, the early ANG round shield was applied on the vertical tail above the serial number with the word "KENTUCKY" directly over the shield in small letters. A color ribbon representing the Outstanding Unit Award was seen just below the wind screen on the left side of the airplane, with some aircraft carrying the assigned pilot's name under the OUA.

The most important appearance change for Kentucky's Voodoos occurred in 1967, when to conform with TAC directives, the RF-101 recce fleet was painted in camouflage colors consisting of two different shades of green, tan and gray. Furthermore, the national insignia was reduced in size along with the size of the tail serial number. The size of the tail number was painted smaller on early camouflaged aircraft but was changed during activation.

The appearance of the two-seat F-101s painted in light gray was unchanged. During the Pueblo deployment to Asia, KyANG RF-101s were assigned the tail code letters "RG" applied in white above the aircraft serial

number. This code was removed after the 165th TRS returned to state control in 1969.

The early Voodoo years were extremely important for the Kentucky Air Guard, bringing it worldwide experience and important awards and commendations for outstanding achievement during the Pueblo call-up. This included a proclamation and personal thanks from President Richard M. Nixon.

Today, only two of the converted RF-101s exist. The others have long since fallen to the scrapper's torch. Most significant of the two is the present-day KyANG gateguard RF-101H 56-0001. This was the Voodoo once assigned to noted fighter pilot Robin Olds when he flew with the 81st TFW in England. He named the aircraft "Balls One."

Olds, a triple ace with 12 victories in World War II and four victories in Vietnam, later reached the rank of general and served for a period as commandant of the Air Force Academy.

Many thanks to Bob Conely for help with the illustrations.

References: KyANG: Mustangs to Phantoms 1947-1977; and Scale Aircraft Modelling Magazine - May 1982.

News Briefs

Panel open to views, ideas

By MSgt. Harris R. Borland
Chairman/KyANG NCO/Airmen
Advisory Panel

Are you aware that there is a panel of NCOs established and approved by the Adjutant General of Kentucky in accordance with KyANG Regulation 45-9 to provide the enlisted member a vehicle for expressing views and ideas in regards to the overall effectiveness of the Ky Air National Guard?

This panel is authorized to receive suggestions, evaluate problem areas, and make recommendations to the Adjutant General through normal channels. They meet at a scheduled time on a quarterly basis in closed session.

Any member having legitimate concerns about the overall effectiveness of their unit should contact a panel member to express their views.

Present panel members are:

Hq Ky ANG	MSgt Harris R. Borland
123d CAM Sq	TSgt Kenneth B. Coogle
123d CAM Sq	SSgt Maureen G. Fallon
123d CE S	MSgt Gary L. Kelton
123d RMS	SSgt Mary J. Clark
165th TRS	SSgt Patrick R. Bales

1988 UTA SCHEDULE

The following is a list of KyANG Unit Training Assembly dates for 1988.

Pocket-sized calendars were distributed to each unit orderly room by the Safety Office and are available for all guard members.

January 9 and 10
February 6 and 7
March 5 and 6
April 16 and 17
May 14 and 15
June 11 and 12
July 9 and 10
August 6 and 7/20 and 21
September AFT
October 1 and 2
November 5 and 6
December 3 and 4



Distinguished graduates

A1C Patrick J. Maloney, left, and A1C Daniel W. Whitis, 165th TRS, both were recent Distinguished Graduates from the Imagery Interpretation Specialist Course. This course is 22 weeks long and is held at Goodfellow AFB, Texas.

AFOQT exam scheduled

The Air Force Officers' Qualifying Test will be given Dec. 30.

It begins at 8 a.m. in Room 123 of the O&T Bldg. Anyone interested in taking the AFOQT should contact MSgt. Jay Lowe, ext. 485, to add their name to the list.

The AFOQT must be taken prior to applying for a commission. The test normally lasts approximately five hours.

Patch offered

As a former navigator and a current pilot, I am attempting to contact and organize a group of those individuals who have been awarded both the navigator and pilot ratings.

Since both sets of wings cannot be worn, I have designed a patch which reflects both of these ratings. Anyone interested in joining and organizing this group please contact me:

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BMTS honor graduate

Amn Simon J. Harris Jr., 123d TRW audio-visual section, was recently selected as an honor graduate of the Air Force Basic Military Training School. Honor graduates represent the top 10 percent of their class.